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News worth sharing.



Heavy opposition to road widening

► Municipal staff assure community widening of Bayers Road for more car lanes not on table for five years ► Area councillors, mayor oppose project, but other councillors have vote too



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If there's public support for the widening of Bayers Road, it wasn't exactly apparent last night.

Hundreds of citizens turned out to a public information session on the project, held by Coun. Jennifer Watts and Coun. Jerry Blumenthal.

Most of the speakers vehemently opposed the project, which would see Bayers Road blossom from four lanes to six, for a variety of reasons — from safety for their children walking to school to the effect on Halifax's low-income housing stock. But the vast majority of speakers criticized the municipality for trying to promote vehicular traffic — with downtown parking scarce as it stands — instead of increasing urban density or promoting active



► Coun. Jennifer Watts

Revisiting the issue

► The Bayers Road widening project is expected to come before council again by the end of the month.

and public transportation.

The two councillors whose districts are directly affected by the widening, Watts and Blumenthal,

oppose the project — as does Mayor Peter Kelly, who was called before the crowd to let his position be known.

"I think (the project) is flawed," Kelly told Metro.

"We need to look at the alternatives.... We have to be open to these ideas, at least planning for them and preserving opportunities, but in the interim we cannot just tear apart neighbourhoods."

Howard Epstein, the NDP MLA for Halifax Chebucto, also criticized the project.

"This should simply be removed from (the regional plan) completely," Epstein told the crowd.

"In terms of the purported benefit for those people who are using (Bayers Road), compared with the huge amount of costs both to the municipality and to the province, it's completely disproportionate."

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How do you solve a problem like Maria?

Well, if it's the tropical storm you're talking about, grab a raincoat.

The current track of tropical storm Maria shows it will directly hit Newfoundland, but all the Maritimes will get some rain and wind on Friday. Maria

will meet up with another, unrelated storm which will move over New Brunswick.

"Nova Scotia will get some rain from Maria as there's a channel of cloud that will give us rain, but it's Newfoundland that will get the direct rainfall and wind," said Chris Fogarty with the Canadian Hurricane Centre in Dartmouth. Meteorologists expect

Nova Scotia will get 20 to 40 millimetres of rain from Maria. There will also be cool northwesterly winds gusting to about 50 to 60 km/h from the other storm system.

"It's definitely summer-like (now) but there will be a stark contrast on Friday," Fogarty said.

The rain should start in the early-morning hours on

95km/h
Tropical storm Maria's maximum sustained winds yesterday were near 95 km/h.

Friday, but it will be windy all day.

Since August, hurricanes Katia and Irene brought some rain but thankfully little damage to Nova Sco-

tia. And even though we're down to M in the named-storm list, hurricane season is far from over.

"The computer models are hinting at possible tropical storm formation down in the Bermuda Triangle region," he said.

"There could be something developing down there next week, so we'll keep an eye on that."

Former coach hears victim's grief

► Crown seeking three to five years in jail ► Defence wants two years jail time followed by probation

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A former Dartmouth girls volleyball coach held his head down inside a provincial courtroom yesterday as a 17-year-old girl read an emotional victim-impact statement detailing how a sexual assault affected her life.

Joseph Emile (Luc) Potvin, 53, pleaded guilty in July to four sex-related charges stemming from a 14-month period beginning in February 2010.

Reading from a sheet of looseleaf, the victim said the assault brought on an eating disorder, anxiety and depression. She said she was eventually hospitalized for two weeks after threatening to kill herself.

"No one will ever understand what it was like. No one."

Yesterday's sentencing

"I felt I was losing control of everything in my whole life."

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

hearing resumes Sept. 30 as there wasn't enough time for lawyers to make their submissions.

The court heard evidence from Dr. Brad Kelln, a forensic psychiatrist at the East Coast Forensics Hospital, that ruled Potvin as a "low to moderate" category sexual offender.

Potvin was previously convicted in 1999 of sexually assaulting a teenage girl, the court heard yesterday. He was placed on probation for three years and completed a treatment program for sexual offenders.

In 2007, he received a pardon for the conviction, but that was revoked after this year's charges.

Potvin was arrested on



► Joseph Emile (Luc) Potvin at Dartmouth provincial court yesterday, waiting for the sentence hearing to begin.

May 13 and in late July, he pleaded guilty to four charges including sexual assault, sexual exploitation,

luring a child and making or publishing child pornography.

The former local volun-

teer girls' volleyball coach and youth team coach remains out on bail under a lengthy list of conditions.

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Olivia Chow tears up as she thanks members of the NDP caucus for their support after Jack Layton's death. Video at metronews.ca



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What's hot at the 2011 Atlantic Film Festival

Atlantic Film Festival executive director Gregor Ash lists some of what he's most looking forward to during a week and a half of film, festivities and fun in Halifax.

1 The ever-popular opening gala

Last year's opening night gala took place on top of Citadel Hill. This year, organizers are throwing the party on the set of the opening film, Roller Town.

"The parties that we throw ... on opening night, they've been growing in reputation," said Ash.

"(It's) the best party of the year. This year we're at the (Olympic Centre), and it's going to be fantastic."

2 Strategic Partners and Music and Image

Ash said the festival's industry conferences, Strategic Partners and Music and Image, gives a sense of what's at play in Nova Scotia's film industry and who's interested in playing.

"Until you step into the environment ... you don't get the sense of really how much bigger than this small place these events are."

3 And of course, the films

Really, it's the most important aspect of any film festival.

"I like going down to the theatre, going up to the Oxford, going to the box office and just connecting with people," said Ash.

"I'm really looking forward to spending some time (in the Festival Lounge), seeing filmmakers but (also) our audience just show up, hang out and really be a part of the festival."

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Film fest punching above its weight: Ash

► Picnicface's Roller Town kicking off 10-day festival tonight at Oxford Theatre ► Last year AFF drew 30,000 people ► Organizers looking to improve on figure



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On paper, the Atlantic Film Festival ought to be a lot smaller than it is.

The festival, now in its 31st year, takes place in a comparatively tiny market. It doesn't bring in the sheer mass of celebrities the Toronto International Film Festival does, or attract the up-and-comers with the indie cred of South by Southwest.

But according to AFF executive director Gregor Ash, the festival brings in some serious action.

"Impact is not always measured in bums in seats," he said. "The fact that we have these business markets, we have this year-round activity, we have administrative infrastructure ... we have an international reputation that, again, far exceeds the market that we live in."

Online

► The Atlantic Film Festival runs today through Sept. 24. Visit atlanticfilm.com for complete details.

The festival is currently working with Events Nova Scotia to get a better grip on how that translates into dollars for the province. But Ash estimates anywhere between \$150 to \$200 million of production has its origins at the festival and their business conference, Strategic Partners.

About \$30 to \$40 million of that is spent in Nova Scotia, according to Ash.

"An event like Strategic Partners will bring in high-end delegates," said Ash, noting approximately 200 producers and financiers will attend this year's conference. "Last time we surveyed, the average spend that we had per person was around \$2,500 that they're dropping into the local economy, on top of flights and hotels while they're in town."

Ash pointed to Combat Hospital, a Global television show that originated as a pitch at Strategic Partners two years ago. While the series was not filmed in the province, Ash holds it as an example of what can happen when a small city attracts big players.

"We hit so far above this city's weight," he said.



► Port Hawkesbury's Allie MacDonald attends last year's Atlantic Film Festival in Halifax. Her movie *Score: A Hockey Musical* opened the 2010 festival.

Story a perfect storm of love and politics

Thom Fitzgerald describes his latest movie as a heart-breaking glimpse into aging and ailing, and the complex troubles that can bring.

The award-winning director is discussing his new feature film *Cloudburst*, a funny yet poignant story about an elderly couple forced to separate because of infirmity and ignorance.

Cloudburst premieres Friday at the Atlantic Film

Festival.

It is a love story, but one with cross-border politics, prejudice and a heavy dose of expletives from one of its grey-haired protagonists who is fighting to stay with her spouse of 30 years.

The wrinkle is that the couple are lesbians who have grown used to their quiet, private life on a rugged New England coast and haven't had to consider

a future apart or what they might have to do to prevent that.

"This is a family struggling to stay together in the face of old age," Fitzgerald said in Halifax. "And that isn't particular to gays and lesbians at all."

The genesis of the film, featuring Olympia Dukakis and Brenda Fricker, came from Fitzgerald's personal experience with elderly

7 Cloudburst was shot over seven weeks in Nova Scotia.

members of his extended family.

The director behind *The Hanging Garden*, *Beefcake* and *The Event* watched as the couple were split up with one placed in a care home for health reasons.

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► Thom Fitzgerald

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Sip, don't chug those drinks, police advise

- ▶ About 35,000 post-secondary students live in Halifax
- ▶ Responsible drinking is life-and-death matter: Police



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The death of a 19-year-old Acadia University student last week prompted police to issue a warning on binge drinking yesterday.

"We have an issue here with a heavy consumption of alcohol," said Const. Brian Palmeter, spokesman for Halifax Regional Police.

Jonathan Andrews of Calgary died in a Halifax hospital last week after being found unconscious in a university residence.

Nova Scotia has one of the highest rates of heavy drinking among young people in the country, the health department says.

The Canadian Campus



"While this is on the heels of a tragic and unfortunate incident, we're hoping ... people may heed the information in terms of the 'it won't happen to me' attitude."

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Survey in 2004 found 51 per cent of students between 19 and 24 on Nova Scotia campuses were considered binge drinkers.

Binge drinking is defined as consuming more than five drinks in one sitting more than once a month for a man, and more than four drinks for a woman. The national average for the same group was 31 per cent.

Palmeter said police organize an operation each fall to warn students of the dangers. "Unfortunately, we've seen a number of cases where people have been taken to the hospital because of overconsumption of alcohol," he said.

Avoid drinking games, or playing catch-up with friends, police say. Drinking water is also important. And remember the three S's: Space drinks, sip, socialize.

Would-be robber goes ape

It wasn't a well-thought-out plan.

Police say a man in a gorilla mask and another wearing a white scarf over his face tried to rob a delivery driver in Cole Harbour Tuesday night.

The driver was at the Canadian Tire on Forest Hills Parkway when two men walked up to the truck. Police say one man tried to open the door and pulled a knife when he realized it was locked. The two ran off when the driver picked up his cellphone and started the vehicle. RCMP searched the area but didn't find the attempted robbers.

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Gorilla at large

Halifax RCMP are asking anyone with information to contact them.

BIG MAC BANDIT?

McDonald's hit twice by thieves

For the second time this week, police are investigating a holdup at McDonald's.

Halifax Regional Police were called to the McDonald's at 3486 Kempt Rd. just before 7 a.m. yesterday after a

man armed with a knife demanded cash. There were no injuries and he fled on foot with an unknown amount of money. Police say the man may have gotten into a car a short distance away.

On Sunday, someone with a knife demanded cash at the McDonald's on Quinpool Road. Police say the description of both suspects is similar.

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Muggers use bear force

Two men were assaulted and robbed by three men armed with bear spray. Police say the victims were parking their car on the Herring Cove Road at about 8:13 p.m. Tuesday when they were approached. The driver was punched and sprayed after he got out of the vehicle. ● METRO

Trailer trashed

A mobile home was heavily damaged by fire in Lake Echo yesterday. "The fire was pretty much contained to the kitchen and living room area and we believe it originated in the kitchen," Platoon Chief Gary McCurdy said about the blaze at 20 Sneezey Ave. There were no injuries. ● METRO

News in brief

Poet wrote of Africville

OBITUARY. Acclaimed Dartmouth poet Maxine Tynes has died. Born in 1949, Tynes, through her poet-

ry, drew attention to the resilience of the residents of Africville. In 1988, she received a Milton Acorn People's Poetry award and went on to publish two works of prose, as well as a children's book. She was the first African Canadian to serve on the board of governors of Dalhousie University. ● METRO

Amherst native joins theatre

ARTS NEWS. Eastern Front Theatre has a new artistic producer. Charlie Rhindress, founder of Live Bait Theatre in Sackville, N.B., is an actor, playwright and director. ● METRO

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A vivid look at refugee-camp life

► Campaign is for awareness, not fundraiser: Organizer
► Exhibit on Garrison Grounds opens today until Sunday



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A refugee camp has suddenly sprouted up in downtown Halifax.

But this camp won't be filled with people fleeing from hardship and famine. Instead, Doctors Without Borders staff will be guiding people through the tents to explain what life is like for many of the 43 million refugees in the world.

"We talk about very practical things like access to food, water, and medical care," said Karel Janssens with Doctors Without Borders.

The 8,000-square-foot

exhibit is part of a national tour to raise awareness about conditions in refugee camps around the world, like Somalia and Libya.

"Our aid workers who are in between field assignments talk about their experiences abroad," Janssens said.

It's by guided tour only and the information goes beyond the obvious, Janssens said.

"For most people a refugee camp is an abstract concept, but having it in downtown Halifax is a very special thing."

It's eye-opening for most visitors, but deeply emotional for some, he said. Some newer Canadi-

ans, with first-hand experience in a refugee camp, share their stories when they visit the displays.

Janssens, who worked in refugee camps in Chad and in Darfur, said what amazes him about real-life camps is how little people have with them when they arrive.

Features

Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City features:

► Shelter area, food distribution area, latrine area, water supply, health clinic, nutrition-treatment centre, cholera treatment centre, vaccination tent.

Critics slam government's silence

Critics are raising red flags about Nova Scotia's inaction nearly a year after an inquiry into a fatal helicopter crash off Newfoundland called for the creation of an independent safety agency for the offshore energy industry.

Last month, Nova Scotia's energy minister said the provincial government had yet to consider the idea. "I wouldn't say it's under active review," Charlie Parker said at the time.

Parker declined to discuss the matter earlier this week, but his office sent an email to The Canadian Press saying the department is now reviewing the inquiry's recommendations.

Liberal energy critic Andrew Younger said the minister's silence suggests the safety of Nova Scotia's offshore workers is not a priority for the NDP government.

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Memorial idea dropped

► Afghanistan war memorial put on hold while soldiers still on the ground ► No clear decision made

The Defence Department has shelved an elaborate proposal to revamp the National War Memorial to honour Canadians who fought in Afghanistan.

The plan involved etching the dates "2001-2011" into the granite sides of the Parliament Hill monument that was first erected to honour the sacrifices of troops during the First World War.

The \$2.1-million plan, which included the addition of an eternal flame to the monument, was circulated at National Defence headquarters last October, say senior military sources.

The proposal also recommended a commemoration

ceremony, preferably on Remembrance Day this year, that would have involved the families of 157 soldiers who died throughout the combat mission.

It also suggested that a stone-and-marble memorial, erected behind the Canadian headquarters in Kandahar, be brought to Ottawa and reassembled at the Beechwood Cemetery, where many casualties of the Afghan campaign are buried.

The proposal was made to the chief of defence staff, as well as senior civilian leaders, but was quietly dropped without explanation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Leadership. Spirit



► MP Olivia Chow holds up a pair of eagle feathers her late husband Jack Layton used to have on his desk, before handing them to NDP interim Leader Nycote Turmel yesterday at a pre-session caucus in Quebec City. Layton used the feathers to guide him with decision making.

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Layton legacy lives on

Jack Layton's widow, Olivia Chow, opened a caucus retreat yesterday with an emotional plea to her fellow MPs to work hard and stay united as they pick up the torch from their fallen leader.

Testing ordered for alleged abductor

Accused child abductor Randall Hopley is "sad and sorry" and was possibly under a suicide watch a day after his dramatic takedown and arrest, his lawyer says.

Hopley, 46, made his first court appearance yesterday in Cranbrook, B.C., 70 kilometres southwest of the town of Sparwood, which was gripped with fear after Kienan Hebert, 3, was taken from his home.

In an unprecedented turn of events, Hebert was returned home on the weekend and Hopley was hunted down Monday by a police dog.

"Mr. Hopley is very sad and sorry for being in the situation that he's in," said Hopley's lawyer, William Thorne. "He's also glad to see that the young boy got returned home safely."

Hopley was named by police as a suspect in an Amber Alert that was issued throughout B.C. and eventu-

Hopley's history

- Hopley was to have been in court on Sept. 19 for a preliminary hearing on 12 unrelated charges dating back to 2010.
- In 2008, he pleaded guilty to break-and-enter and was sentenced to 18 months in jail.
- In the 1980s, he was convicted of sexual assault and sentenced to two years in federal prison.

ally into Alberta, meaning his name and face were plastered everywhere.

At court, Hopley was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation and return to court Nov. 9.

Hopley is charged with kidnapping, abduction of a child under 14, and break-and-enter. He's also been charged with two counts of breach of probation.

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► A year after the giant oil spill, a Louisiana official digs up oiled soil from a coastal marsh.

BP takes it on the chin

► No-holds-barred report castigates oil giant for Gulf oil-spill disaster

A landmark U.S. federal report has lambasted oil giant British Petroleum for the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

It puts ultimate respon-

sibility on BP for the deaths of 11 oil-rig workers.

And it says that, in the days leading up to the April 20, 2010, disaster, BP

made decisions that complicated cementing operations, added risk and may have contributed to the failure of the cement job.

The report, released yesterday, says BP — and in some cases its contractors — violated seven federal regulations.

While the report recognizes other companies had roles in the disaster, the panel says BP was the final decision maker.

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BP's answer

► BP said it accepts the report's conclusion that the accident was the result of multiple causes involving multiple parties.

► "From the outset, BP acknowledged its role in the accident and has taken concrete steps to further enhance safety and risk management throughout its global operations," BP said.

A name to blame?

In the report's 57 findings about the disaster, only one person — BP engineer Mark Hafle — is named.

It says Hafle's failure to investigate or resolve anomalies detected during a critical test possibly contributed to the crew's fail-

ure to detect the initial influx of gas and oil.

Hafle also chose not to run a cement log, a test that evaluates the quality of the cement job, in violation of BP procedures, the report finds.

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► Palestinians hope UN bid will boost statehood drive

A high-level U.S. team kicked off a new round of shuttle diplomacy yesterday in a last-ditch effort to contain the diplomatic fallout from the Palestinian statehood push. But the odds of a breakthrough appeared slim as the Palestinians pledged to go ahead with mass rallies to draw world attention to their bid.

U.S. diplomats Dennis Ross and David Hale arrived late yesterday for talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders. They were to travel to the West Bank today to talk with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Washington is trying to persuade the Palestinians to drop their plan to ask the United Nations to recognize an independent Palestinian state, but so far without success. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



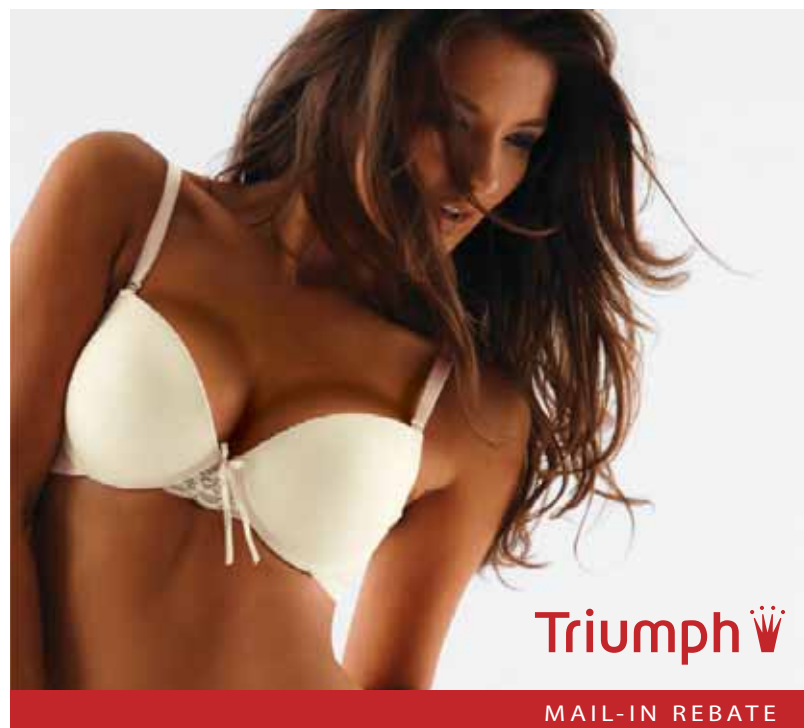
► A four-storey-high Palestinian flag flies in front of the European Council building in Brussels.

Independence rallies slated for West Bank

Palestinian activists announced yesterday that they are planning two major demonstrations next week in connection with the UN

bid. The first will be on Wednesday, and the second will come two days later on Sept. 23, when Abbas is scheduled to address the General Assembly.

The Palestinians say they are determined to keep the rallies peaceful. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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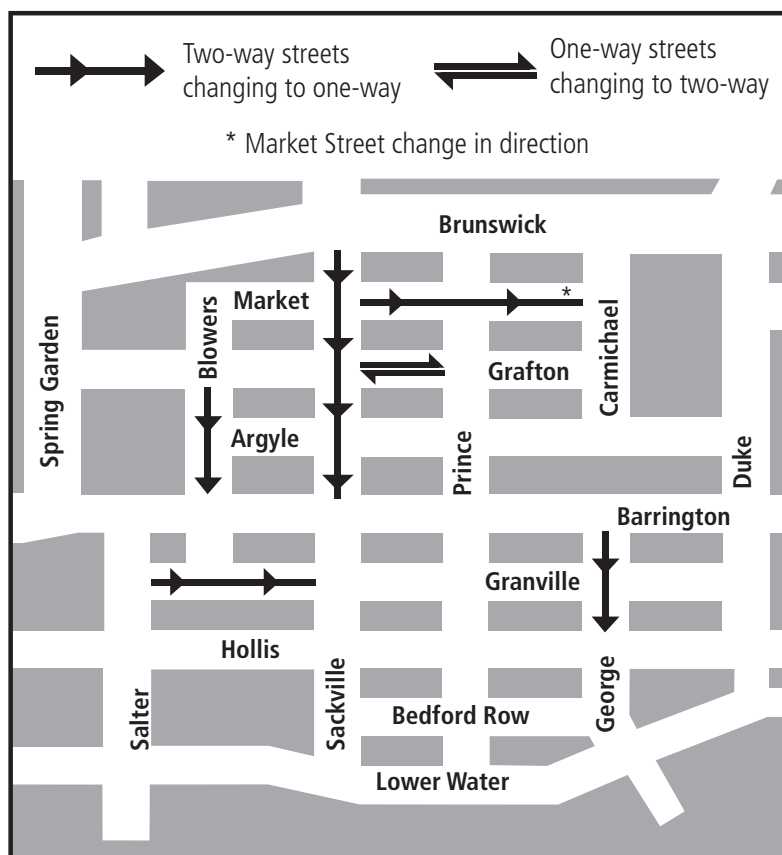
CHANGES TO TRAFFIC PATTERNS IN DOWNTOWN HALIFAX

Effective Monday, September 19th 2011, some downtown Halifax streets will change from one-way to two-way (and vice versa).

Initiated by a recommendation from HRMbyDesign and developed through public consultation, the changes in street direction will allow for new bike lanes and on-street parking spaces.

This is the first set of changes to traffic direction downtown. Two more phases, which will include additional downtown streets, are scheduled for October 2011 and March 2012.

HRM is advising motorists to refer to the information below and on our website, before you plan your downtown route.



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Ottawa wants changes to Buy American bill

► Want jobs bill to include exemptions to protectionist measures ► Canadian companies losing opportunities

Ottawa is vowing to fight the latest attempt in the United States to place a Buy American restriction on a new multibillion-dollar government job-creation package.

Trade Minister Ed Fast issued a statement yesterday complaining about the new U.S. measures, which would discriminate against Canadian suppliers bidding on public construction projects in the United States.

"Our government is committed to delivering free trade leadership and Canadians can count on our government to defend free and open trade on the world stage," Fast said in the release.

"I have instructed Canadian officials to initiate the consultation process that was established as part of the 2010 Canada-U.S. Agreement on Government Procurement."

The U.S. Congress passed an earlier stimulus bill in 2009, which also sought to direct work to American companies at the expense of foreign suppliers, but Ottawa eventually obtained a Canadian exemption.

Tuesday's unveiling of the latest \$447-billion US jobs bill by President Barack Obama appears to have disregarded the compromise reached by the two governments last year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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
► The iPhone app A Jew or Not a Jew is displayed yesterday in Paris.

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Apple gets bad rap over app

A French anti-racism organization has threatened to sue Apple France over an iPhone application that identifies public figures who are Jewish. The app violates France's strict rules against listing personal details such as religious affiliation, race or sexuality.

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Canadians OK with personal debt: Survey

Canadians are confident that they have a good handle on their personal debt and believe they're

in better financial shape than most, a new survey suggested yesterday.

The poll, conducted by Ipsos Reid and released by the Royal Bank of Canada, suggested nearly 70 per cent of Canadians have achieved non-mortgage debt levels that they are comfortable managing.

More than a fifth of survey respondents, or 22 per cent, reported being entirely clear of non-

mortgage debt, while a further 45 per cent were not concerned about their current debt levels, the poll said.

Three-quarters of those surveyed said they believed they were in better financial shape than their friends and neighbours.

The survey also highlighted regional differences in Canadians' approach to debt repayment.

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diet.

Since my divorce, the food I've consumed in my apartment (daily takeout not included) has consisted of the following:

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for a moment and look up to size up the stranger. When they determine that I am male with a takeout danish in my hand, they rate the hot-water-and-soap threat as "low" and go back to munching down on my beans from June 6.

And people ask me how I keep thin. I might have starved to death years ago if I hadn't learned the important method of dropping in on friends at about 5:30 p.m. "Hi guys! I was just in the neighbourhood and — hey, something smells good. You know, I haven't had a good home-cooked meal since, well, since the last time I was here. What? Me? Eat here? Tonight? Oh, I couldn't possibly. But I will. Look: I brought my own plate!"

Unfortunately, this is only a stopgap solution, and my friends don't seem to be home at 5:30 anymore. I need a long-term fix, which is why I'm prepared to move beyond bachelorhood and into the next stage of life, where there's warm food and clean cutlery and, sometimes, I think, napkins.

To celebrate, I'd ask you all to raise a glass with me. Maraschino cherries are in the baking aisle.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

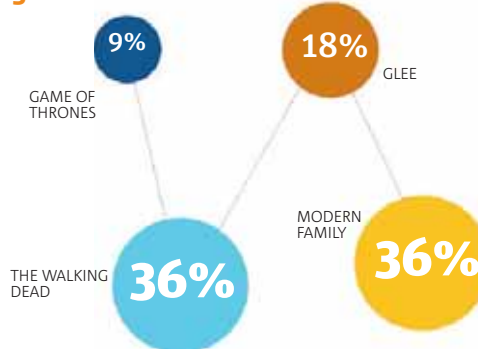
I'm relinquishing my bachelorhood status — time to hand in my Green (Mould) Card and move on to the next stage of life, whatever that is. Struggling artiste, perhaps. Or political ideologue.

Don't get me wrong. I like the bachelor life — the hours are good and the benefits (e.g., reading entire Calvin and Hobbes collections on the toilet) help offset the crushing loneliness. The problem is that I don't know how much longer I can deal with the



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What TV series are you most excited to get back into this fall?



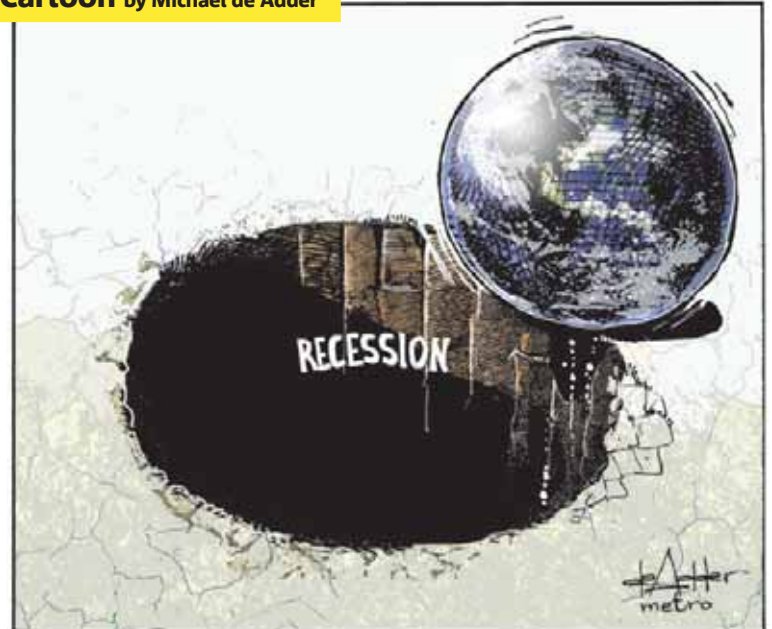
Letters

The most recent "Win a Wife" contest on a Canadian radio station should sound alarms. Volga Girl, the mail-order site sponsoring the contest, describes itself as "providing a wide range of services to those men who are interested in finding a compatible Russian wife."

Unfortunately, many vulnerable women from developing countries make themselves available as Internet brides because of poverty and dire economic circumstances. In reality, many don't have a choice and may end up trafficked into a world of sexual exploitation, or married to men who abuse them. Sadly, it is one of many radio contests that are a societal barometer on the commodification of women and girls. "The Breast Christmas Ever" offered women a chance at free breast augmentations. Another station had plans for a "thinnest body" contest. Can we believe these promotions help women and girls nurture their self-esteem? What kind of message does this send to young girls?

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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF
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WEIRD NEWS

Gumby turns himself in

San Diego police say the man accused of trying to rob a convenience store last week dressed as a famous claymation character turned himself in Tuesday, with an alleged accomplice.

Det. Gary Hassen tells the San Diego Union-Tribune that Jacob Kiss and Jason Giramma voluntarily went to police headquarters. He says Kiss brought the Gumby suit and turned it in as well.

Police say a man dressed in a Gumby costume and an accomplice went



► Gumby tells a store clerk he is being robbed.

into a 7-Eleven in Rancho Penasquitos on Labour Day and told the clerk it was a robbery.

The clerk thought it was a prank and dismissed him. Both then left the store.

Surveillance video shows the clumsy would-be robber struggling to keep the green suit on as he walked out the door. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Local tweets



► @paul mack-innon: Now that a tweet of mine has

appeared in @metrohalifax I now have to run everything by the PR dept.

► @aaronrogers12: @Steve-Nash you should play in Halifax in the CBA!

► @NicoleW_Global: Guy was just going the wrong way in the Rotary traffic circle. Talk about a disaster! #halifax

► @apiinto: Taxi drivers in halifax should know better

than to drive on barrington street.

► @krisp131: There is literally a boatload of British tourists in town today. #halifax

► @CathyinNS: What's with this Greater Halifax, what's wrong with just plain Halifax for the name of our city? HRM really does need to go. #Halifax

► @AtlanticaHfx: Beautiful day in Halifax! We love watching the new, permanent oval going up across the street. Lunch breaks are going to be fun this winter!

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Scene in brief



Charlie Sheen recently told NBC's Matt Lauer that he didn't really know what happened this spring when he was fired from Two and a Half Men and began a manic round of media appearances talking about his "tiger blood" and "winning."

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Keira Knightley hates the fact that the release of *A Dangerous Method* will probably lead to a flurry of Google searches for "Keira Knightley nude" and "Keira Knightley spanked."

Moody ... but successful

► Musical mainstays for over 30 years, The Moody Blues taking to the Halifax Metro Centre stage tonight at 7:30 p.m. ► Show part of first-ever cross-Canada tour

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According to Graeme Edge of The Moody Blues, playing music during a time of a technological explosion certainly had an impact on his career.

A time when advancements like TVs connected the world with the use of satellites and live TV allowing fans to see their rock icons in a different, more personal way — a break from your standard, rigid society, all of a sudden making the world a smaller place.

"That sounded very bloated and self-important didn't it? Also there was some excellent dope around," a vital, creative tool, Edge joked during a recent phone interview.

With a career that spans near half a century — with 70 million albums sold worldwide including 14 platinum and gold discs — The Moody Blues have seen it all.

Originating in Birmingham, England, one of their most notable accolades was the successful fusion of classical music with modern rock, creating a psychedelic sound that



► The Moody Blues' hits include *Nights in White Satin*, *I Know You're Out There Somewhere* and *Your Wildest Dreams*.

would be the cornerstone for what would become progressive rock.

In an age where music is consistently brushing off the old to inspire the new, will there be a time when we run out of "new sound?"

"I'm absolutely con-

Tickets

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vinced that there is still a chance to create a new

sound," Edge said.

"The bow and arrow became the harp; plumbing became the sax; the club became the drum. Musicians have always used technological advancements to somehow or another turn it into something creative."

No matter what the next creative leap, Edge urges future musicians to try to make their own way rather than following trends.

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Lady of the night

► Lady Antebellum's much-anticipated new album *Own the Night* full of love songs, perspective ► Talk about learning to handle music pressures

The members of Lady Antebellum get asked a difficult question all the time: When are you going to write another hit like *Need You Now*? That's a little like asking if they can pick a set of winning lottery numbers — twice. The probability of achieving one worldwide hit is astronomical. But two?

"How could we ever do that?" singer Charles Kelley said. "That was a once-in-a-lifetime song. But I think we'll continue to have success if we stay true to ourselves and our fans, our core audience, which is the country music audience. We're very flattered that more people are into us, but (pop music is) a genre and a world where it's much more, 'in one

Instant fame

It took them all over the world and had their heads swimming.

► All over the world They toured places like Australia and New Zealand, with fans shouting their lyrics back at them from the last row, and have needed translators for some of their interviews. They

day and out the next.' As long as our country fans still dig what we're doing, we'll hopefully be here for a long time."

That kind of even-handed approach has guided Lady Antebellum through one of the most difficult

earned a room full of trophies, including that most surreal night when they won five Grammys, including record and song of the year for *Need You Now*.

They became the go-to act for national anthems and guest appearances, climbed the country music ladder from opening act to headliner and pushed into the pop music world like few country acts before.

periods any band must navigate — instant stardom. *Need You Now* catapulted the trio from a well-regarded young country act with plenty of promise to multiplatinum international pop stars.

As they release their

"Whether we have that smash, the record is a collection of better, stronger songs, for me. Only time will tell if the fans feel that way"

CHARLES KELLEY

third album, *Own the Night*, this week, Kelley, Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood are philosophical about their expectations. No one hides the fact they hope for a follow-up hit and would be disappointed if *Night* doesn't catch fire with fans. But standing firmly on a foundation they built long before the spotlight found them, they believe they



► Lady Antebellum has released their latest album *Own the Night*.

did their part.

"Whether we have that smash, the record is a collection of better, stronger songs, for me," Kelley said. "Only time will tell if the

fans feel that way."

Lady A's first single from *Night*, making was a No. 1 on Billboard's country charts.

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Aaliyah's Nova Scotia

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Film Highlight



Bringing Up Bobby

Friday, September 16 | Park Lane - Theatre 3 | 9:35 PM

Acclaimed actress Famke Janssen makes her directorial debut with this mother-son road drama.

Bringing Up Bobby is the story of European con artist Olive (Milla Jovovich), who flees to Oklahoma with her 10-year-old son in an effort to live out the American Dream. Olive and Bobby blithely charm their way from one adventure to another, but Olive's criminal past is always in danger of catching up. The stellar cast also features Bill Pullman, Marcia Cross and Rory Cochrane.

Thursday, September 15

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I fought with drug dealers: Winehouse's father

► Mitch Winehouse says he went to great lengths to try to get daughter clean ► Admits being naive about early drug use

Amy Winehouse's father says the fight to get her off drugs often turned physical, as he tussled with the drug dealers and gangsters who were supplying his daughter with them.

"I spent my time fighting with drug dealers, and I mean proper fighting," Mitch Winehouse said in an interview Tuesday. "And I'm a middle-aged man, who is overweight, having

fistfights with people."

Winehouse said his daughter finally budged once she saw how hurt her family was: "She witnessed all this stuff going on, of how her family and her friends were fighting gangsters and she decided she didn't want to put her family in that position anymore."

Amy Winehouse, who had struggled with drug

and alcohol addiction, was found dead at her London home on July 23. Her father was set to launch The Amy Winehouse Foundation yesterday, which would've been the singer's 28th birthday.

Mitch Winehouse said there were some negative influences in the group that surrounded Amy. He said he was naive about her drug use early on.

"I didn't know the extent of her problem until maybe four months before she decided to quit," he said.

Winehouse — who has been doing interviews and has appeared on TV to talk about the U.S. launch of the foundation — said talking about his daughter is "very hard," but it "is helping us deal with our grief."

He made various appearances with Amy's

mother, Janis; his current wife, Jane; and Amy's last boyfriend, Reg Traviss.

"I don't know what her ultimate plans were, but she was certainly talking to me about having children," Winehouse said of his daughter's last relationship.

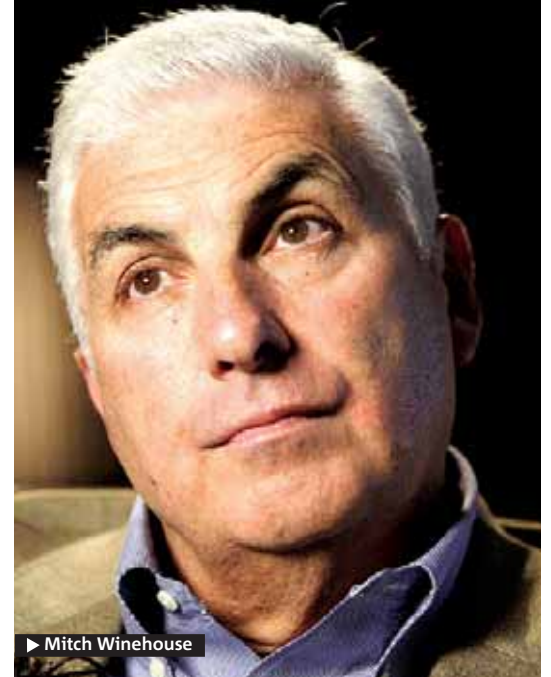
"Even when she was drinking, she was in a great place."

Winehouse believes his daughter died of a seizure related to alcohol detoxification. She had seizures in the past, he said. A full inquest into her death begins next month.

Since her death, Mitch Winehouse said he is beginning to realize his daughter's musical talents.

"I took everything for granted, I didn't appreciate what a great singer she was, and now I do," he said, getting teary-eyed.

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► Mitch Winehouse

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Wedding bells for Brit?

▶ Boy toy Jason Trawick spotted in jewelry store discussing diamonds

Britney Spears' boyfriend, Jason Trawick, has reportedly been spending a lot of time in jewelry stores lately, suggesting he may finally be ready to propose to the pop star, according to X17.

Trawick spent more than an hour at the Mouawad jewelry store, chatting with owner Pascal

Mouawad.

A source speculates that Spears' upcoming 30th birthday will be the big moment, though her rep says everyone needs to just calm down.

"There is no truth to that report with regards to engagement rings," a rep for Spears says.

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▶ Britney Spears and Jason Trawick

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Celebrity tweets



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Will Smith, Marc Anthony buddy up at football game

Will Smith joined Marc Anthony at a Miami Dolphins game recently, sharing smiles and posing for photos, which suggests Smith isn't taking the rumours about Anthony having an affair with Jada Pinkett-Smith very seriously, according to Hollyscoop.

Anthony, who is a part-owner of the Dolphins with soon-to-be ex-wife Jennifer Lopez, was celebrating his birthday at the game.

"They seemed to be getting along very well," a source says of Anthony and Smith.

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▶ Will Smith

MJ's estate pulls \$310M

Though he may have been hundreds of millions of dollars in debt when he died two years ago, Michael Jackson's estate has generated more than \$310 million, and now it's time to distribute some of it, according to the Associated Press.

A payment of \$30 million is set to be split up among Jackson's mother, Katherine Jackson, and his three children, as well as a number of unnamed charities, according to court documents filed this week.



▶ Michael Jackson

The documents also disclosed that Katherine is looking to sell the family's \$4.5 million Encino compound.

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Duff puts mansion on the market

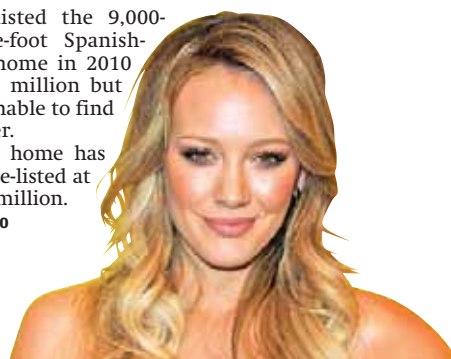
Hillary Duff is looking to unload her Toluca Lake home once again, according to AOL Real Estate.

The pregnant singer

first listed the 9,000-square-foot Spanish-style home in 2010 for \$7 million but was unable to find a buyer.

The home has been re-listed at \$6.25 million.

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DiCaprio isn't all about the money

Leonardo DiCaprio has had plenty of box office success — not that he's keeping score.

"Throughout my career, I never knew which movies of mine made money and which didn't," he tells GQ.

"The [money] stuff never mattered to me until I was into my 30s and got interested in producing.

"But even now I say that unless you want to prove that you can carry a film with your name, continuously trying to achieve box-office success is a dead end."

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▶ Leonardo DiCaprio

Seyfried loves sex scenes

Amanda Seyfried isn't the type of actress to complain about onscreen intimacy.

"Sex scenes are great. A lot of my co-stars have been sexy guys my age, and so, why not? I'm not going to pretend it's not fun," she tells W magazine.

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Runway report



▶ Lykke Li

What's playing on the catwalks:

Alice + Olivia - Why Even Try, by Theophilus London
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Alexa Chung: An English rose, with some thorns

► Check out some of the highs and lows from this season's shows as another New York Fashion Week comes to a 'clothes'

New York runway roundup



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MARC JACOBS

It's well known that Jacobs has had a lot on his plate lately. What with his rumoured negotiations with the house of Christian Dior and all. Maybe that explains the simpler than usual approach to his spring collection, which featured preppy sports-wear classics in navy and Kelly green with lots of neon mixed in. It was all kind of club kid leaves the raves to go to college. The brights were the stars of the show.



BETSEY JOHNSON

Betsey Johnson took her finale bow to Three Six Mafia's Azz and Tittiez. How badass is that? The only problem is, she seemed to take those lyrics too literally with the clothes, which were a little bit Malibu Barbie, a little bit Nicki Minaj and a little bit Kinky Boots. It was campy and fun but the clothes, such as a corseted, mini dress with a tiny teacup skirt started to veer into costume territory.



DIANE VON FURSTENBERG

In the sea of prints that New York Fashion Week has become, Diane von Furstenberg's unsurprisingly stood out. They came in soft pastels with pops of yellow and orange (another recurring theme this week) and sometimes layered in a single look. The best moments were the unexpected, tomboyish ones such as a pair of checked shorts in lime and maroon paired with a neon green button down shirt.



JASON WU

Sporty and street are not exactly words that come to mind when you think of Michelle Obama's go-to designer and yet he was able to own both ideas by interpreting them in his own polished Wu-ian way. The beauty is that he experimented with the sporty trend, which we're seeing just about everywhere this week, in a way that didn't read too literal (because not everyone wants to look like she just walked out of the gym).



BCBG MAXAZRIA

Bold, saturated brights emerged as an early trend for spring 2012 and Max and Lubov Azria's collection was full of them in the form of sporty, colour-blocked dresses. Each one was long (below the knee to ankle length), easy to wear and fluid — all the better to graze the body in that trademark Azria way when the wind blows. Later in the show, the colour blocking gave way to bright ethnic prints and crafty knits.

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Jeanne Space

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question, or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you. Welcome to my weekly space in Metro — a little window onto my multifaceted world.

@Jeanne_Beker:
Karen Elson rocks the magic for
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► Karen Elson

- @Jeanne_Beker Backstage at the Narciso Rodriguez show, talking about what makes clothes sexy. "It's the body within!" he says. What do YOU say???
- @CWICW it's ALL CONFIDENCE!
- @ELLE_A_Holic yeah I totally agree with you. Clothes have to be worn the way they were intended to as well, I find that really helps LOL!
- @DebbieDavidov my bday is coming and I want to know what the "accessory to have now" is...and is gold still in?
- @Jeanne_Beker Now that gold's become increasingly precious, YEAH! It's in. But I'm loving my Tiffany's Elsa Peretti SILVER flask pendant.



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The show features Dan, a builder with years of experience who goes head-to-head with his sister, a relative newbie with the golden touch to build the ultimate dream home.

Things you should consider before starting an in-



► Sibling Rivalry: Twins Dan and Nikki Hall are pitted against one another in a competition that sees each of them demolishing and rebuilding their own dream homes.

vestment renovation

1. Location — Find the proper location that best suits your lifestyle. Also, consider an up-and-coming area that might be better priced now but has the potential to go up in value.

2. Never buy somebody else's renovation — Don't pay for someone else's work. It's always more cost-effective to do it yourself.

3. Get the proper permits before you start and know the history of the land — Do your due diligence with the city and find out what the maximum GFA (gross floor area) is that you can build on your lot without going to the Committee of Adjustment. Also take note of tree locations. If there are any large trees standing in the way of your addition — the tree will always win.

4. Layout — i.e. location of walls, doors, windows, plumbing and mechanical and electrical. You need to have foresight to be able to see the finishes in your

head before you start. Make sure to revise the plan often. It's easier to make changes before the framing stage.

5. Budget — Stick to your budget as much as possible for unforeseen conditions and revisions. Always know that things can be done in the future — like finishing a basement.

Tips before starting a renovation when you have a family

1. Think ahead — If you plan on living in the space during the reno, make sure it's a safe and clean environment. Seal off construction areas and enter only when necessary. Beware of dust, falling debris and holes in floors. Children's safety always comes first.

2. Make sure you have a backup plan. If you plan on moving out of the space, make sure you have a lease that can go beyond the original scheduled length. If you plan on living in the space,

make sure you have a place to stay in case the construction environment becomes unliveable.

3. Storage — It's always better to move everything out of the space and store it somewhere else. Furniture not only is easy to ruin but it can also pose a safety hazard.

4. For design — Make sure you are designing the space to accommodate your family and lifestyle. If you want privacy, implement walls. If you want open concept make sure it has a workable flow.

5. Talk to your neighbours — Let them know what you are doing. Ask them if they have any issues. Let them know if they wanted to do some construction at the same time it could help their budget and your budget by sharing trades. And finally, always be sure you have the proper permits.

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Preparation:

- 1 Heat the oil in a wok or large and deep frying pan.
- 2 Add the chicken and stir fry over a high heat for 5 mins or until golden. Add garlic, ginger and mushrooms and stir fry for 3-4 mins.
- 3 Cut the green onions in half lengthways then each into 4-cm lengths;

cut the bok choy in half lengthways. Add the onions and bok choy to the pan along with the wine and black bean sauce. Stir fry for 2-3 mins or until the bok choy stems are tender. Serve immediately with rice or noodles.

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► Have dinner on the table in about 20 minutes with this dish.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 chicken breast fillets, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 5 cm piece root ginger, peeled and grated
- 350 g portobello mushrooms, halved
- 4 green onions, trimmed
- 200 g baby bok choy, trimmed
- 4 tbsp Chinese cooking wine
- 4 tbsp black bean sauce
- rice or noodles to serve

Weekly Cookbook

Noodles, soy sauce, and other ingredients found in Asian cooking contain wheat, which means people with gluten allergies don't get to enjoy them. Laura B. Russell's book *The Gluten-Free Asian Kitchen* (Random House, 2011) changes that. It converts cuisines of China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam into gluten-free favourites. Among the standout recipes are: Crispy Spring Rolls, Kung Pao Chicken and more.

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Marchand inks 2-year pact with Bruins

Brad Marchand isn't just a Stanley Cup champion anymore. He's also now a million-dollar man.

The 23-year-old Hammonds Plains forward and restricted free agent signed a \$5-million US, two-year deal yesterday with the Boston Bruins, agreeing to terms less than 48 hours before NHL players report to their teams for medicals.

"I don't think I was getting nervous. I just think I was getting anxious," Marchand said in a conference call yesterday. "We both knew something was

Cash breakdown

Marchand will make \$2 million in the first year of the contract and \$3 million in 2012-13.

going to get done and it was just a matter of time. That's all it was. I was never worried it was going to drag about or prolong into camp."

Marchand earned a raise on the \$600,000 he made as part of his entry-level deal last year.

He is coming off his first full season in the NHL and

was a big contributor to Boston's Stanley Cup victory over Vancouver.

The agitator had five goals during the championship series, including two during a 4-0 win in Game 7.

In 77 regular-season games last year, Marchand had 21 goals and 41 points.

"There's always room for every player to improve and the big part that I want to try and improve is my defensive game," Marchand said of the upcoming season.

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► Brad Marchand

Tough weekend test for Huskies

► Montreal Carabins are only Quebec conference team Huskies face during regular season



► Saint Mary's head coach Steve Sumarah knows his team is in for a tough battle this weekend.



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Saint Mary's Huskies coach Steve Sumarah calls the challenge "enormous."

The Huskies will be in Montreal on Saturday afternoon to tackle a No. 6 nationally ranked Carabins squad that gave the top-ranked Laval Rouge et Or a run for their money last week, losing 24-14.

"We probably won't be satisfied if we don't (win), but on the flip side it's early in the year and what this will provide for us is a measuring stick of where we are and where we need to be," Sumarah said.

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The national CIS ranking of the Saint Mary's Huskies.

"This will be their third regular-season game and plus they've had an exhibition game. So we're talking about a team in mid-season form and we're still trying to get there."

Saint Mary's opened a new season at home last Friday, dumping the Mount Allison Mounties 55-14.

But while the end result was a blowout, Saint Mary's actually trailed 14-

5 at halftime.

"We are definitely a more veteran team and some of our leaders really stepped up," Sumarah said of the second-half turnaround. "That's important for any team."

Rookie quarterback Jesse Mills is the team's No. 1 pivot after Sumarah used a quarterback-by-committee approach against Mount Allison.

Sumarah said Mills is a "very confident" quarterback and "capable of handling the pressure."

"This will be an interesting test," he later added. "This pressure will be much different than last week's pressure, that's for sure."

Herd home opener belongs to Terenzio despite rough start

The Halifax Mooseheads will be going with Anthony Terenzio in goal for tomorrow night's home opener against the Bathurst Titan.

Head coach Dominique Ducharme said yesterday he's going back with Terenzio after the 18-year-old was pulled in the third period of Halifax's 7-3 loss to the Titan in Bathurst last Saturday night.

Terenzio (1-1), who started both games for Halifax this season, sports a 5.68

goals-against average and a .833 save-percentage.

"We want him to get comfortable — this is the home opener this weekend and he's the guy starting the game. That game belongs to him," Ducharme said. "From there, we'll see."

Back-up Zachary Fucile, a 16-year-old rookie, replaced Terenzio against Bathurst and allowed one goal on five shots.

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► Anthony Terenzio

Sports in brief

First NSSBL playoff game cancelled due to thick fog

BASEBALL. And the winner is ... fog.

Game 1 of the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League semifinals between the Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians and Kentville Wildcats was postponed last night due to a heavy fog

shrouding Mainland Common.

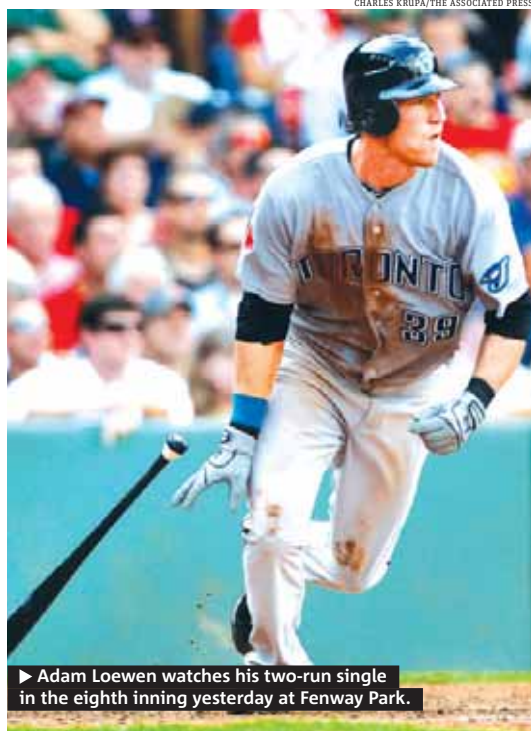
No make-up date was announced.

Game 2 of the series — which could eventually become Game 1 — was scheduled for Saturday in Kentville at 7 p.m.

The league's other best-of-five series opens on Saturday with the first-place Dartmouth Moosehead Dry going up against the Sydney Sooners in a double-header at Beazley Field.

Game 1 is set for 3 p.m., with Game 2 to follow at 7 p.m.

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► Adam Loewen watches his two-run single in the eighth inning yesterday at Fenway Park.

Breakthrough in Boston

► B.C. batter helps Jays to third win in nine tries at Fenway this season

Canadian Adam Loewen did something as a hitter yesterday he never did as a pitcher — beat the Boston Red Sox.

“I’m very aware of that. They got me,” he said after his two-run, eighth-inning single against Daniel Bard lifted the Blue Jays to a 5-4 victory.

The native of Surrey, B.C., came to the majors as a pitcher and started four games against the Red Sox for Baltimore, going 0-1 with a 6.63 earned-run average in 2006 and ’07.

“I think the best chance I had was against (Josh) Beckett in our place,” Loewen said. “I came out of the game



(ahead) 2-1 in the sixth and they ended up winning it in the top of the ninth.”

Loewen last pitched in 2008, when he retired from the position after two stress fractures in his elbow. He then worked

his way up through the Jays system as a fielder, this year hitting .306 with 17 homers and 85 RBIs for triple-A Las Vegas.

“It’s been crazy,” he said. “I didn’t think I’d be playing this much but I come ready to play every day, whether I’m in the lineup or not.”

Loewen is 5 for 14 as a major leaguer. His hit yesterday made a winner out of Ricky Romero (15-10).

“Amazing. It’s crazy,” said Romero, who went eight innings in the win. “Just to make that transition ... you never really see that and he’s done a tremendous job for us.”

At 3-10 in September, the Red Sox began the day

with a four-game lead over Tampa Bay in the wild-card race. Boston led the AL East to start the month and were nine games up on the Rays.

After getting swept in a three-game series at Tampa Bay last weekend, the Red Sox host the Rays in a four-game series starting tonight.

Boston led 4-2 in the eighth before Toronto came back against Bard (2-8), who entered and walked Edwin Encarnacion and Kelly Johnson.

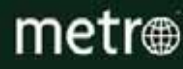
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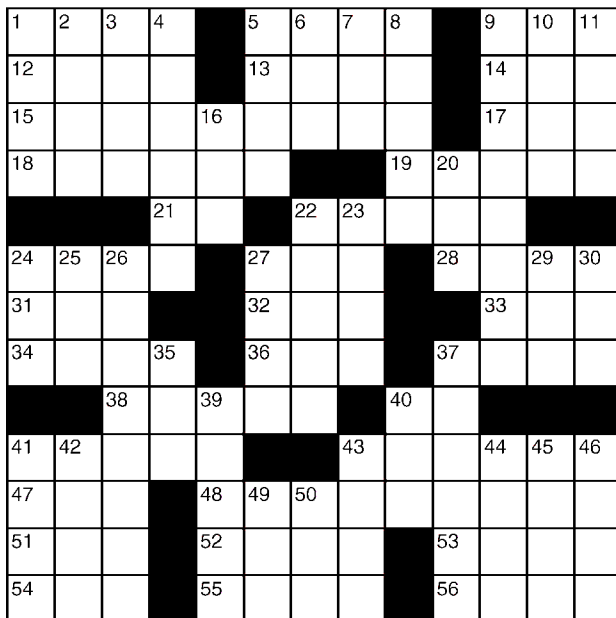
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Crossword

Across

- 1 Weapons
5 Lovers' quarrel
9 Captain Kirk, to pals
12 Clay-rich soil
13 Unrestrained revelry
14 Actress Thurman
15 Prank victim, perhaps
17 Zero
18 Two trios
19 Occurrence
21 Mercury symbol
22 Chocolate substitute
24 Smelling a bit off
27 Rowing need
28 Hide in the bushes
31 McKinley's 1st lady
32 Old televangelism initials
33 Space
34 "Simon —"
36 Author Umberto
37 Venomous vipers
38 Bungle
40 Ess preceder
41 Not just plump
43 In the wrong direction
47 Supporting
48 Mad Tea Party attendee
51 Remote
52 Prune, pre-withering
53 Elec. co., e.g.
54 Phippen
55 Referee's call
56 Authentic
Down
1 "Oh, woe"
2 Lasso
3 "You Bet Your Life"



host

4 Workplace "under the spreading chestnut tree"

5 Cushy

6 Expert

7 Past

8 Tenth President

9 Some large beetles

10 "Here's my ante"

11 Brewery supply

16 Journey segment

20 Loudness (Abbr.)

22 Snag

23 Singer Guthrie

24 USO audience, often

25 Oklahoma city

26 Sheriff Andy Taylor's bailiwick

27 Oil cartel

29 Knock

30 Some duties for

24-Down

35 "Help!"

37 Camelot ruler

39 Dangle a carrot

40 Blonde shade

41 Kills, "Sopranos"-style

42 Gravy vessel

43 Pinnacle

44 Assessment

45 La Scala

showstopper

46 Holler

49 Will Smith biopic

50 Pirates' potato

► Yesterday's answer



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 There is no point criticizing someone because he or she has failed to live up to your expectations.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You'll be feeling somewhat fragile today, so be kind to yourself. Rest up.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 This is no time for doubts. Throw caution to the wind and let your instincts guide you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make sure you are not being misled by those who have an axe to grind or an agenda to fulfill.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Get out into the world and meet as many new people as you can.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You'll be able to convince those whose financial help you may need that your cause is deserving.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Venus, your ruling planet, moves into your sign today, which is an incredibly good omen for both relationships and money matters.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will learn about yourself over the next 24 hours. It'll come in handy.

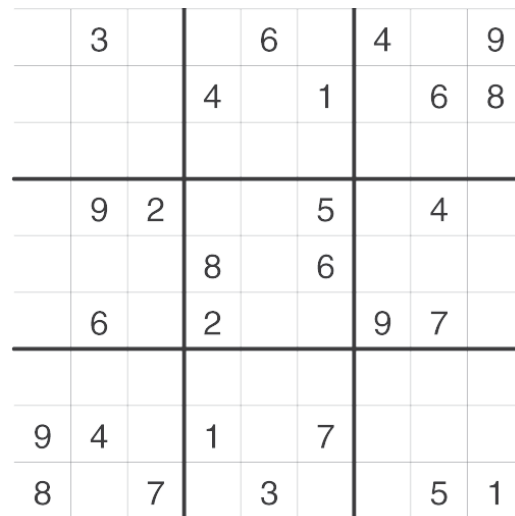
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Friends will bring you luck today, and make life more enjoyable.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You must look for ways to enhance your status and give your reputation a boost. Believe in yourself.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't waste time telling others what it is you are going to do — just do it. More action, less talk.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 If you compromise your principles once, you will be expected to do so again. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Yesterday's answer ►

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3	6	7	2	4	1	8	9	5
6	4	3	7	8	5	1	2	9
2	7	8	1	9	3	5	4	6
1	5	9	6	2	4	7	3	8
5	9	2	4	6	8	3	1	7
7	1	6	3	5	2	9	8	4
8	3	4	9	1	7	6	5	2

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